THE 176 WG/JA LEGAL OFFICE
IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE
LOAC ADVICE AND COMPLIANCE

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LOAC VIOLATIONS MAY BE COMMITTED BY FRIENDLY OR ENEMY FORCES

YOU MAY BE CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR LOAC VIOLATIONS OR FAILING TO REPORT SUSPECTED LOAC VIOLATIONS

REPORT ALL LOAC INCIDENTS & POTENTIAL LOAC VIOLATIONS IMMEDIATELY

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REPORT LOAC INCIDENTS IMMEDIATELY THROUGH YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND

FORBIDDEN TARGETS TACTICS & TECHNIQUES

- Don't attack NONCOMBATANTS
- Don't cause DESTRUCTION beyond the requirements of your mission
- Don't attack PROTECTED PROPERTY
- Don't fire at MEDICAL personnel, vehicles, or facilities
- Don't hide behind the medical service symbol
- Don't fire at a PARACHUTE unless it's a paratrooper
- Don't cause UNNECESSARY INJURY or SUFFERING

ENEMY CAPTIVES AND DETAINEES

- -Let enemy soldiers surrender
- -Treat all captives and detainees HUMANELY
- -Don't use threats in questioning or interrogating captives
- -Provide MEDICAL CARE for sick and wounded captives
- -Don't take PERSONAL PROPERTY from captives

CIVILIANS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

- -Don't violate civilians' rights in combat zones
- -If civilians are punished for breaking the law, it must be done by a properly constituted court in a fair and just manner
- -Protect civilians from acts of violence, threats, and insults

WHAT TO DO WHEN CRIMES ARE COMMITTED

- Do your best to prevent LOAC violations (violations are CRIMINAL ACTS)
- REPORT LOAC incidents through your chain of command IMMEDIATELY
- You cannot be ordered to commit a crime
- If a LOAC violation is committed by a member in your chain of command, you may report LOAC violations to a chaplain, the legal office, SFS, or the IG

COMMON LOAC VIOLATION SCENARIOS

- First use of chemical weapons
- Deliberate attacks on medical facilities and/or personnel
- Misuse of the red cross or other protective emblem
- Intentional use of civilian clothing to conceal military identity during battle
- Willful and improper use of protected buildings (schools, hospitals, museums, churches) or localities for military purposes
- Plunder or pillage of public or private property, such as robbing banks
- Maltreatment (for example rape, maiming, or torture) of prisoners of war or detainees
- Stealing personal effects from a prisoner of war
- Firing on persons descending from a disabled aircraft
- Firing on neutral aircraft, vehicles, ships, or personnel
- Deliberately attacking civilians and/or civilian targets

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